



# Freedom All Wheel Drive Club of WA

A 4wd Club in Western Australia that is a mix of Compact and Standard 4wd's, seeking adventure.

**NEWSLETTER**

**JULY 2019**

**General Contact Details:** Email: [FAWDCWA@yahoo.com.au](mailto:FAWDCWA@yahoo.com.au)

**Meetings:** 4th Monday every month - 7:30pm

**Manning Seniors Centre, 3 Downey Drive, Manning**

*Visitors are more than welcome.*

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

*Hi All*

*Don't forget that our next meeting in August will also be our AGM.*

*All positions will be vacant, so if you think you would like to be part of the committee, don't hesitate to nominate yourself or someone you think will make a good committee member.*

*Bring along a plate to share. See you all there.*

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## NEXT MEETING and AGM

**Monday 26th August**

**Manning Senior Citizens 3 Downey Drive, Manning.**

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

**September 23rd**

**October 28th**

# A day trip to Boyagin Rock

Sunday 7 July dawned a beautiful morning, the first that week without rain. We set off for the assembly point at the service station in Karragullen, to find on our arrival at 8:30, the car park



full of four wheel drives, none of which we recognised. It soon became apparent that there were several others taking advantage of the fine weather to “go Bush” with trailers to collect wood or just to take the kids, trail bikes and dogs for a day out.

As the various parties began to move off, we recognised Greg (by his rego) and others as they arrived. Then complications set in, the café had no water and so they had closed the toilets. It

was quickly decided that we could make a few extra “pit stops” along the way, but the problem was overcome by the plumber fixing the water supply and the original plan restored involving coffee and pre departure pit stops all round.

Surprisingly we found all present and correct and ready to roll just before the scheduled time of 9:30. With Tony and Carole leading, Rowan and Michel as tail end Charlie and Luke and Craig occupying the middle to assist, we moved off on the bitumen towards Brookton.

After 45mins we turned off the black top and onto a fairly good gravel road, meandering our way through farm land. The rain over the last few weeks had already started the fields turning green and there were many new born lambs around.



As we continued along the road we saw more sheep and lambs and the occasional duck, all this where Carole and I had seen the locals hand feeding sheep a few weeks before.



A short time later we entered the Lupton Conservation Park. The road became a track and we sighted a number of Kangaroos through the park. There were a few puddles along the way, large or small depending on the size of your vehicle.

We enjoyed another 50 minutes or so driving around the bush on various tracks and roads, before turning right into North Wandering Road to..... turning right? I don't recall turning right here. Some quick map checking with the aid of Mr Google Map showed that

Tony's memory was indeed more accurate than the navigators directions. A short practise session on three point turns whilst in convoy soon had us heading in the right direction again.



A short drive through more farmland, more sheep and lambs and Luke muttering something about mint sauce saw us arrive at Boyagin Road which leads to the rock.

Rather than just driving straight to the rock we took a slight detour via fire tracks named after many different birds. We chose Spinebill Road and Thornbill Road, then back on to the main road and to our destination.

One or two stops were made (for photographic reasons) and we finally proceeded up to the main road and then to the turn off into the car park, where we assembled around a picnic area.





Arriving at Boyagin Rock we parked up and had lunch and a walk up the rock, although not necessarily in that order, some deciding to walk then eat and others eating then walking



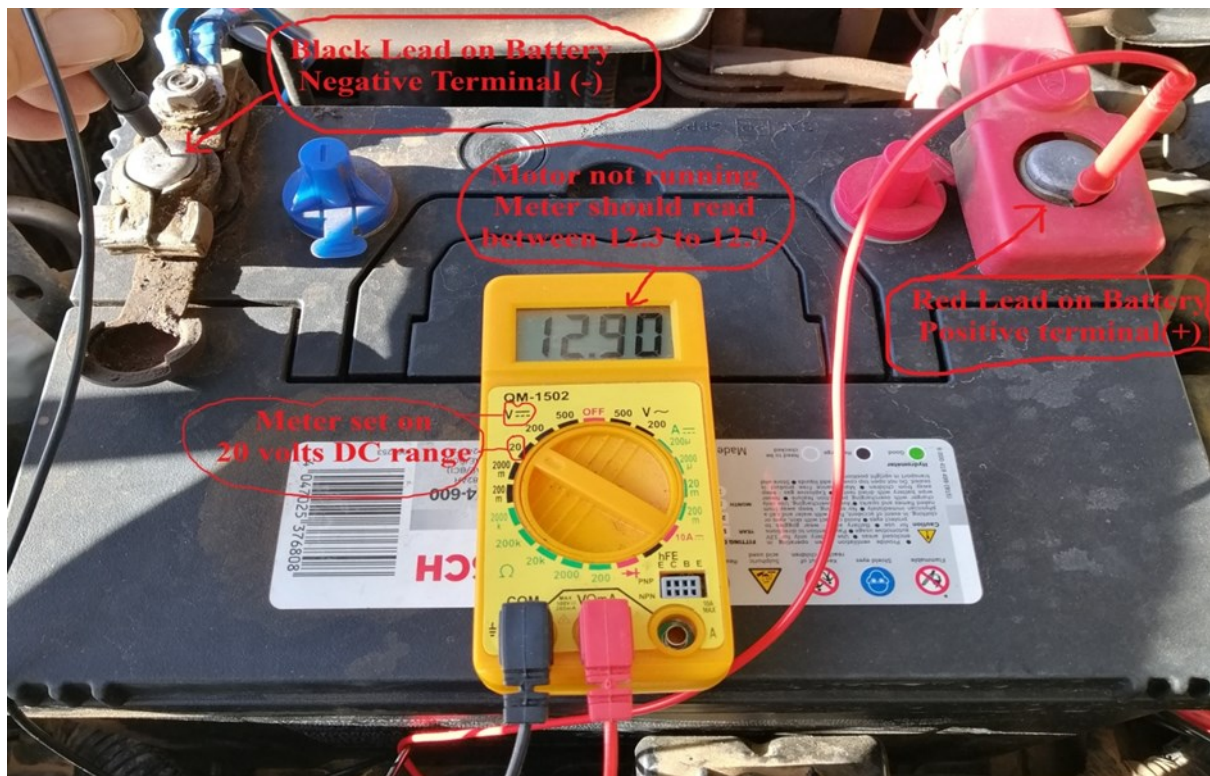
The walk up the Rock and the view from the top.



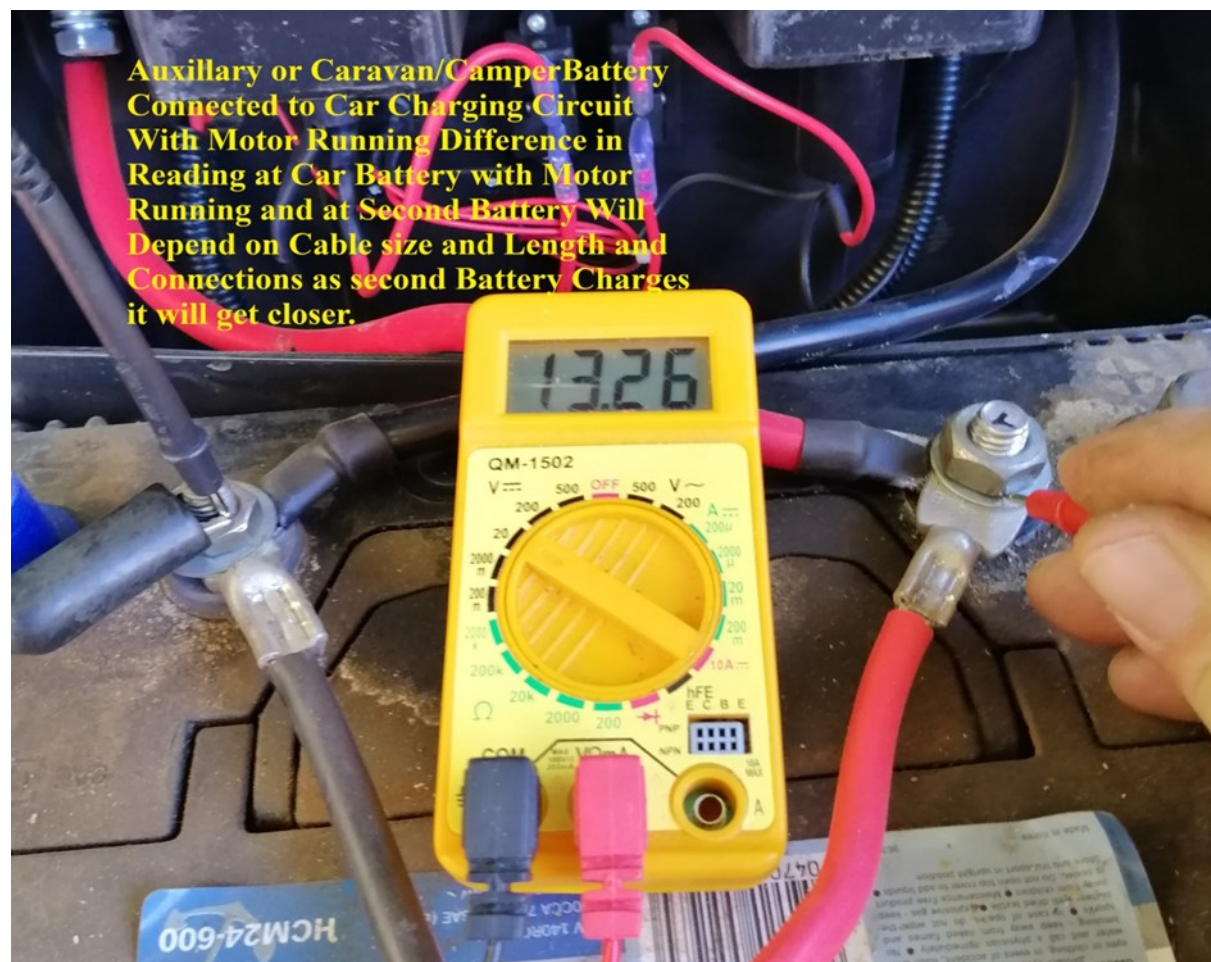
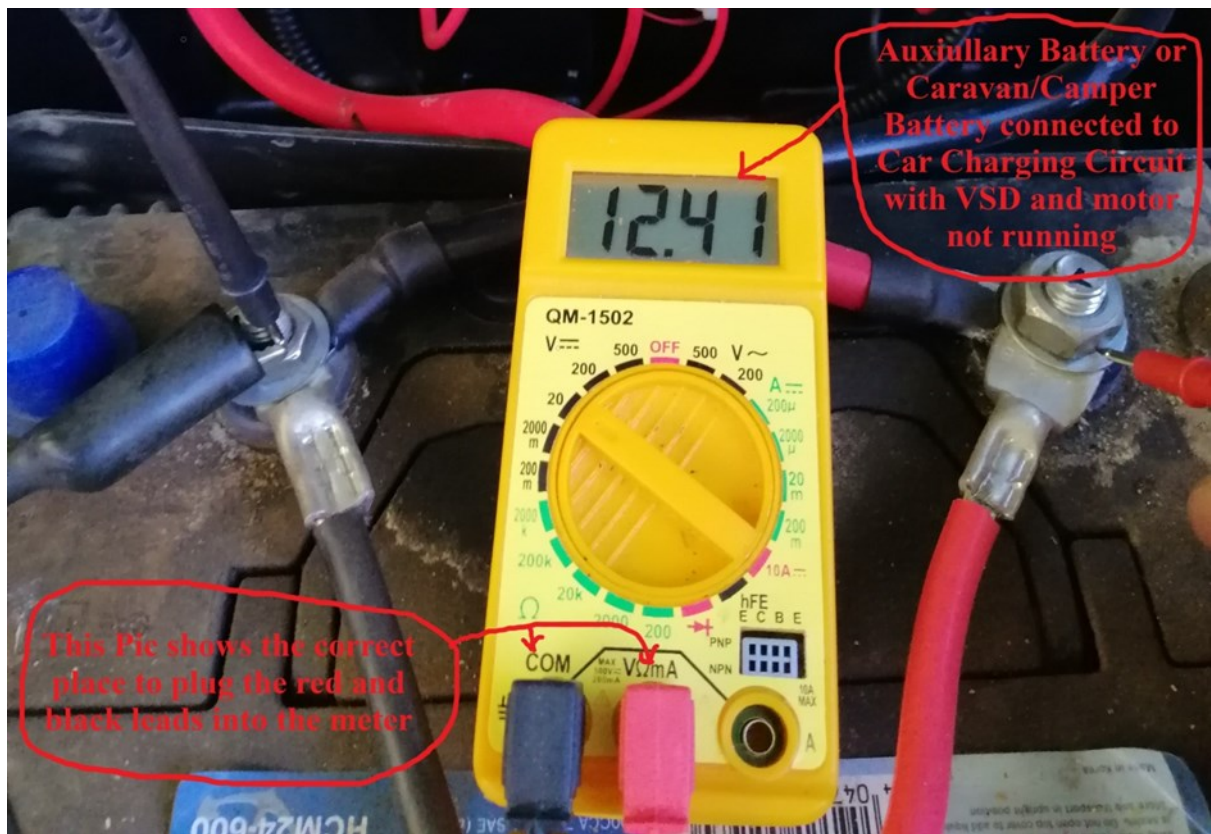
Trip leader: Tony and Carole. Tail end Charlie: Rowan and Michel. Good weather, great people, great trip.



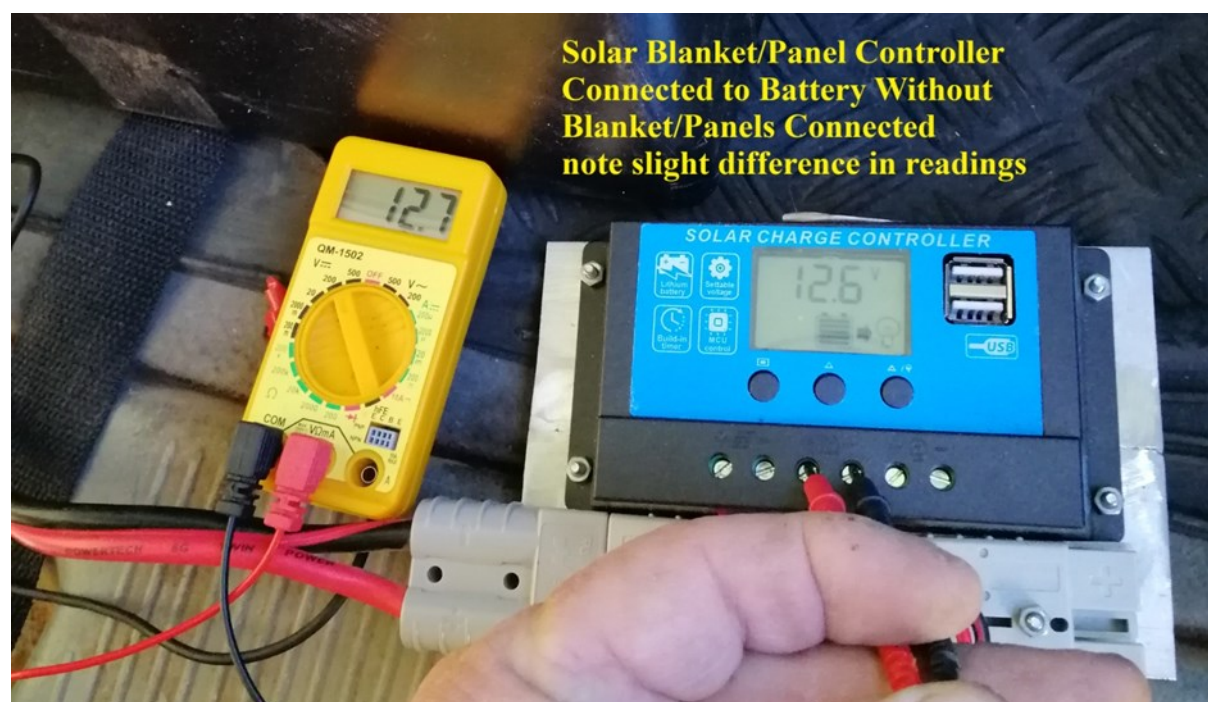
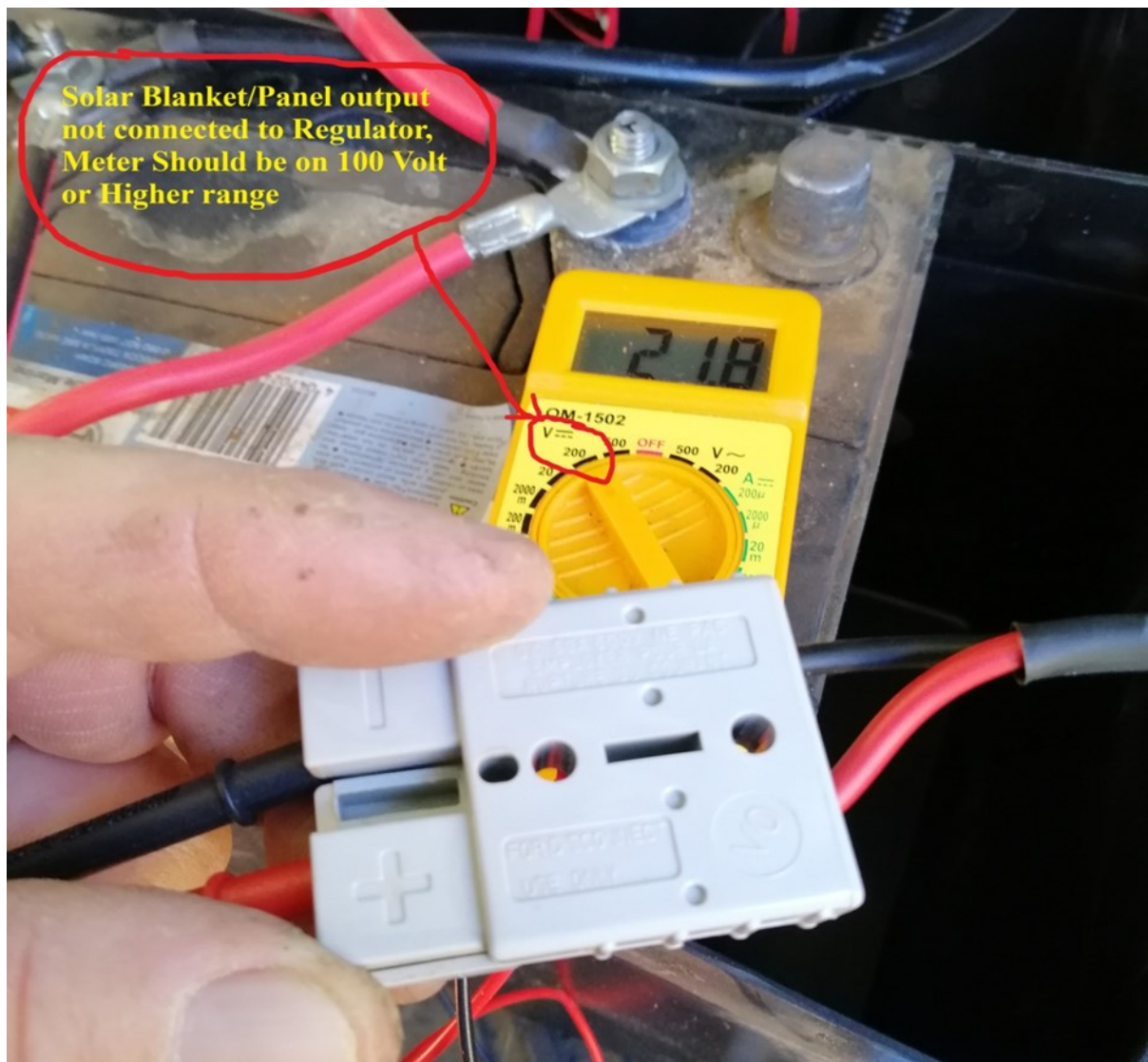
## Multimeter Basics Part 3 - Volts











Hi guys, well this is the last in my series of Multimeter basics and I hope for the non technical it has given some enlightenment on using a handy tool.

Some basic tips I would for those who are not familiar with a Multimeter and decide to get one are.

- 1) Measure things at home and write down the readings and keep them in your glove box or with the meter.
- 2) You can use the higher Volt range for all your Volt readings BUT do not use the low range for your Solar as the voltage output from some Solar setups can be as high as 60 volts.
- 3) Your car battery and auxiliary battery should be about 12.7 volts and up on no load and fully charged but if it is about 12 to 12.3 it can be a sign that it is about to fail so get it tested before you head off on that trip.

***Cheers and Safe Travels***

***Chrispy***





## TRIP REPORT

Freedom All Wheel Drive Club

Toodyay—Christmas in July 2019



A group of us arrived early afternoon and managed to set up in the sunshine. Unfortunately the rain had come in by the time Luke and Craig and Michel and Rowan arrived and they got rather wet while setting up.

After everyone had dinner we ended up in two groups, some braving the rain while huddled around the camp fire Rowan had started, in an effort to dry off, while the rest of us sheltered on the verandah of Diane and Rods cabin.

Seemingly we had 30mm of rain Friday night.

The next morning the sun was shining long enough to cook brek-kie on the barbie and then a shower hit just as we were getting ready to go into town.

Most of us hit the bakery for a good coffee and some supplies for morning tea/lunch, while a few

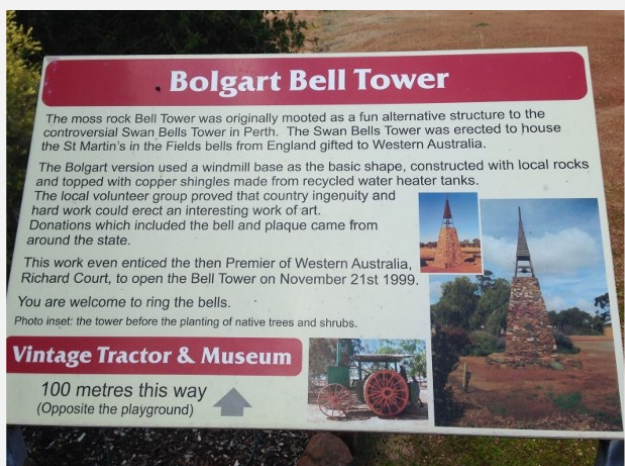
started exploring the various gift shops etc.



We all took off and done a bit of 4WD through Julimar, there were a few puddles, a tree across the road and the odd shower, but the scenery was beautiful with rolling green hills and small streams.







We continued on to a little town called Bolgart where we pulled in to the local park and had lunch. Dessert was a yummy red velvet cupcake, courtesy of Michel.



On the way back to Toodyay we came along some lambs on the side of the road, we stopped to help but couldn't get near them. Our farmers in the group said they'll find their way back under the fence, once we move off.





Once we got back to town, it was free time and everyone split up, with some having an afternoon nap, others shopping and some just hanging around camp. All the cars had changed colour – now a red/brown colour and some even hiding their number plates.

For dinner we made our way into the Freemasons Hotel, where we all enjoyed a lovely meal.



We then made our way back to camp, where we had two campfires burning, many a story was shared and a lot of laughter and good cheer, topped off a good day.

The next day it was time to pack up and hit the road and of course we got a bit of rain while packing up. The rain even beat Michel and Rowan, who had planned to stay an extra night but come Sunday morning they decided to return home to dry out.



As always it was a great weekend, with lots of fun, laughter, and great company.

Thank you to Luke and Craig for organising the weekend.





TO EVERYONE  
WHO  
CELEBRATED  
THEIR  
SPECIAL DAY  
IN JULY

**WELCOME**

*to our new member*

**GREG**

FAWDCWA

## TRADING POST

If any members have something they wish to sell, whether it be 4WD accessories, camping gear or any quality unwanted items, email the details, price and picture (optional) to : [lbarrett@iprimus.com.au](mailto:lbarrett@iprimus.com.au) by the 15th of each month.

### TEST YOUR OBSERVATION SKILLS

Can you pick what is  
missing in this photo.

*Someone forgot to put  
the legs down.*





# 2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
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JULY		
25th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	

AUGUST		
11th	Hoffman Mill	Luke & Craig
17th—18th	Cervantes Coast Care working weekend	TTT Alliance
19th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
22nd—25th	Charles Darwin Res., environmental education and maintenance	TTT Alliance
25th	Mystery Trip	
26th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting and AGM	

SEPTEMBER		
7th—8th	Leeman/Greenhead working weekend	TTT Alliance
15th	Gnomesville ????	Michael & Jeanette
16th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
23rd	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	
28th—30th	Mundal Track	Luke and Craig

OCTOBER		
6th	Tracks & Tucker	Michael & Jeannette
20th		
21st	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
28th	FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting	



# 2019 PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
8th - 10th	4WD & Adventure Show	Members
9th - 10th	Leeman/Greenhead working weekend	TTT Alliance
16th—17th	Cervantes Coast Care working weekend	TTT Alliance
17th	WA4WD Association Monthly Meeting	
24th	Presidents Trip—Freedom in the Bush	President
25th	<b>FAWDCWA Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
8th	Christmas Party	
20th	Manjimup Cherry Festival	



## WANTED

TRIP REPORTS

PHOTOS

IDEAS

ARTICLES

RECIPES

HINTS

JOKES